

THE SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE DERMATOLOGY, INC.

June 26, 27, 28, 29, 1961, Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York, N. Y.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc., was held at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York, New York, June 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1961.

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M., June 27, 1961, by the President, Dr. Harvey Blank who welcomed those present to a very interesting program. Dr. Blank reported that the minutes of the 21st Annual meeting appeared in the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*, Volume 35, pages 199 to 207, October 1960. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes were accepted as published.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dr. Beerman then presented the report of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 26, 1961 as follows:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc., held in Parlor B of the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel in New York City, N. Y. convened at 7:30 P.M., Monday, June 26, 1961, Dr. Harvey Blank, President, presiding.

Present were Doctors Harvey Blank, Stephan Epstein, Herman Beerman, Francis A. Ellis, Walter B. Shelley, Albert M. Kligman, Irvin H. Blank, Allan L. Lorincz, Eugene J. Van Scott, John M. Knox, Richard B. Stoughton and Naomi N. Kanof. Dr. Beerman acted as proxy for Dr. Thomas H. Sternberg, and Dr. Shelley acted as proxy for Dr. Eugene M. Farber.

The first order of business was the status and review of the work of the Editorial Board. Dr. Kanof then read her report which was accepted; and she was commended by a rising vote of thanks.

The Ad Hoc Committee, appointed to investigate the editorial policies of other journals, and consisting of Drs. Eugene Farber, Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, Walter B. Shelley, Eugene Van Scott and Chairman, Hermann Pinkus, submitted their report.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Editorial Policies of American Journals Comparable to the Journal of Investigative Dermatology.

Interviews with a number of editors personally known to one or the other of the committee members revealed a considerable diversity of editorial policies and also some common points. The results of these interviews are attached in the form of a table and in several abstracts. After reviewing and discussing this material at a meeting held at the Palmer House in Chicago on Monday, December 5, 1960, the Committee felt that most editorial arrangements had some desirable and some undesirable features and that in general the editorial set-up of the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology* compared favorably with that of other journals. It was agreed to express the following opinions and submit the following suggestions for the consideration of the Board of Directors of the Society.

(1) The present Editor of the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology* deserves the highest praise for her devoted and inspired service and the generally high level at which she has maintained the *Journal*. The Committee feels that, if any change is considered, the Editor's position should be strengthened, and that she should have full moral support in rejecting sub-standard papers or in trying to obtain modification of papers that could be improved in content or form.

(2) In keeping with this policy, it is suggested that papers presented at the Society meetings should not be printed automatically in the *Journal*, but that the Editor should have the final decision. On the other hand, she should be encouraged to diversify the *Journal's* coverage, possibly by approaching non-dermatologists to consider the *Journal* for publication of pertinent results.

(3) Keeping the future in mind the Committee asks the Board of Directors to consider laying down rules for the election of the Editor. Codification of rules is deemed advisable, just as the succession of nationally elected officials has been regulated. It was felt that an editor should be elected by the Board of Directors for a five year term to give a minimum of continuity, and should be eligible for re-election for an unlimited number of three year terms.

(4) The Committee feels that the official listing of an Advisory Editorial Board could be eliminated

without damaging the now well established reputation of the Journal.

(5) The Committee suggests that the Editor, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint 6 Associate Editors for three year terms (the first group should be staggered), and that the Associate Editors should not be re-appointed until after an interval of 3 years. Manuscripts generally should be submitted to at least two referees for their opinion and suggestions, with the Editor retaining final decision. Not only associate editors, but any other dermatologist or non-dermatologist who qualifies as an expert for a particular paper should be eligible as referee. It is suggested that the Editor and Associate Editors meet at least once a year.

(6) With full appreciation of the convictions of the present Editor concerning remuneration the Committee felt they should go on record and state in principle that an Editor is entitled to a salary beyond re-imbursement for expenses. This salary should be paid by the Society if it cannot be met from profits of the Journal.

(7) The Editor should exercise full control of advertising, including choice of advertisers, wording of ads, and requirements for proof of claims. Advertising by scientific manufacturers should be encouraged.

The Ad Hoc Committee Report was adopted with the two following amendments: No. 1—A motion was made by Dr. A. M. Kligman that the President appoint a committee to revise the bylaws so that the election of the Editor and term of office be formally specified. It is recommended that the Editor be appointed by the Board of Directors for a five-year period and that the Editor be eligible for reelection for an unlimited number of three-year terms. No. 2—On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was voted to approve that the Editor should receive an annual salary of \$3,000.00, beyond reimbursement for expenses.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that Dr. Naomi N. Kanof be appointed as Editor of the Journal for a five-year term. After consideration, the Board approved Dr. Kanof's appointment of the new Editorial Board:

Dr. Rudolf L. Baer.....	1-year term
Dr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick.....	1-year term
Dr. Hermann Pinkus.....	2-year term
Dr. William Montagna.....	2-year term
Dr. Walter B. Shelley.....	3-year term
Dr. Eugene J. Van Scott.....	3-year term

Dr. Beerman then rendered the report of the Membership Committee, in the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Herbert Mescon. There were 52 applications for membership in all this year. Thirty-three applications had been approved by the Committee, and nineteen additional applications received subsequently were submitted for approval. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept these applicants.

Dr. Beerman stated that the report of the Nominating Committee was received and would be read at the first Executive Session, June 27, 1961.

The report of the Honorary Membership Committee was received.

The Auditing Committee report was received.

The report of the Committee on Scientific Programs was presented by Dr. Beerman as follows:

"Seventy-six proposals were submitted for the program. These proposals were of uniformly high caliber according to present standards, and at the risk of crowding the program, thirty-three papers were accepted.

Geographical Distribution of Proposals

California.....	2
Connecticut.....	1
District of Columbia.....	2
Florida.....	3
Illinois.....	4
Maryland.....	1
Massachusetts.....	6
Michigan.....	1
Minnesota.....	1
New York.....	2
North Carolina.....	2
Ohio.....	1
Oregon.....	2
Pennsylvania.....	4
Texas.....	1

These papers were submitted by thirty-one members and thirty-eight non-members, eight of whom have made application for membership to the Society.

The current program has received considerable favorable comment and much publicity by the American Medical Association and in many other journals."

The report was received and it was suggested that the future scientific program committees consider ways and means of increasing the number of papers presented.

Dr. Beerman presented the report of the Secretary-Treasurer as follows:

Membership

As of May 15, 1961, the Society had a membership of 834. Of these, 18 are Honorary Members.

One member was reinstated upon payment of back dues.

Nineteen members are in arrears for 1961 dues. (Of these, one is ill, two are members from Cuba, and one cannot be located by the Post Office.)

Eleven members resigned during the year:

Franz L. Blumenthal
Harry R. Foerster
Beatrice M. Kesten
Ludwig S. Kleeberg
Alfred G. Lerner
Herbert Rosenfeld
Morris H. Saffron
June Carrol Shafer
John C. Slaughter
James Sommerville (Retired)
Malcolm C. Spencer

Fourteen members' deaths were reported during the year:

Oliver L. Bailey
James D. Case
John E. Dalton
Bernard Fisher
John Garb
R. L. Howard
John H. Lamb
Margaret W. Lawrence
H. V. Mendelsohn
Salvatore J. Messina
Earl D. Osborne
Braulio Saenz Ricart
Edward W. Wilson
John H. Stokes, a founding
member of the Society.

Four members who were in arrears for 1960 dues, after having been duly notified, were removed from the rolls.

There are four inactive members, whose dues were ordered remitted (and who received no Journal).

Dr. James H. Mitchell has been a member of the Society since 1938. His dues are paid for the current year. He is, however, retiring from practice because of ill health and the Secretary feels that he should be placed on the inactive list, with remission of dues, but without receiving the Journal.

Applications for Membership

Thirty-three applications for membership have been submitted to the Committee on Membership, in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws (Pg. 3). Since then, nineteen additional applications have been received to be acted upon. There are two applications to be given special consideration: Drs. Arthur Grace and Barota since 1949 and 1953 respectively have not paid their dues and now wish to be reinstated. After consideration, it was moved, seconded and carried that these two cases should first pay two years in back dues (\$20.00) plus current dues and can then be reinstated.

Financial Report

Cash in Banks May 1, 1960	\$54,441.66
Total Receipts	32,353.99
Total Disbursements	19,701.19
Cash in Banks April 30, 1961	\$67,094.46*

* Expenses of annual meeting to be deducted from this balance.

The Secretary-Treasurer requested authorization for expenses incurred for the Society by his office and by the office of the Editor of the Journal. On motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was voted that the expenses of the Secretary's and Editor's offices be approved.

Publicity

The 1961 meeting of the Society has been publicized in our Journal, the Journal of the American Medical Association, "Science", and many other periodicals. The American Medical Association publicized our co-ordinated meeting and published the program in the American Medical Association's program.

International Congress

September 9-15, 1962, Washington, D. C. The Society for Investigative Dermatology is a member of the International Congress Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology. As the permanent representative of the Society, the Secretary-Treasurer has been active in the planning of the 12th International Congress of Dermatology (to be held in Washington, D. C., September 9-15, 1962). He can report that the program is well along to completion and that there will be

much for members to gain and to contribute. It is hoped that any of our members who can help entertain foreign visitors, and those who can be of assistance from the language standpoint, will offer their help. Anyone wishing to make any specific contribution in time or effort may communicate with Dr. Donald M. Pillsbury, President of the Congress.

Miscellaneous Activities

On February 23, 1961, the American Medical Association approached the Society for Investigative Dermatology for any help we could give the newly formed Commission on the Cost of Medical Care. The Secretary made certain suggestions, and asks the Board for further discussion.

The Secretary-Treasurer attended the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as a member of the Council of the "AAAS" (American Association for the Advancement of Science), on December 27, 1960. There is nothing of specific interest to report concerning this meeting.

Dr. Kanof and the Secretary engaged in considerable discussion about the extra-page charge in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology. The Board's attention is called to the report in "Science", 133: 1003-31 (March) 1961. In addition, in spite of the increased cost of medical publication and greater cost of the Journal, we are happy to announce that we have been able to carry on publication of the Journal of Investigative Dermatology without any additional charge. This is due almost entirely to the Editor's efforts, which are given gratis, and to the cooperation of the publishers.

As had been anticipated, there are some conflicting matters of interest to the dermatologist because of the new arrangement of the Joint Meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology and the Section on Dermatology of the American Medical Association. For example, the Symposium on the Problem of Aging Skin, and certain other topics (Dermatologic Manifestations of Allergic Reactions Due to Drugs, etc.) will undoubtedly take away some of our members from our sessions. We hope that this, being reasonably inevitable, will not make too much difference in our attendance.

On May 16, 1961, we were notified that the Governing Board of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council has approved

the recommendation of the Division of Medical Sciences that the Society for Investigative Dermatology be admitted as a Cooperating Society in the Division for a three-year term ending June 30, 1964, and we were invited to submit a nomination for a representative of the Society. This distinction to our Society has been accomplished through the constant effort and interest of Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger and Dr. Stephen Rothman. The President named Dr. Walter B. Shelley as the representative of the Society to the Council.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The 1962 meeting of the Society, if held in conjunction with that of the American Medical Association, will be during the period of June 25th to 29th, in Chicago, Illinois. (The 1963 meeting will be in Atlantic City, June 17th to 21st.)

As noted previously, the 1962 meeting will mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Society for Investigative Dermatology. The Secretary hopes that some suggestions may be forthcoming to make this year stand out prominently.

On June 25, the Secretary-Treasurer attended a meeting of the Committee on Cosmetics of the American Medical Association as a guest of the Committee.

Dr. Harvey Blank appointed Drs. Irvin Blank and Herman Beerman as a committee to review the bylaws.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

The minutes of the Board of Directors were approved as read.

Dr. Beerman then presented the following resolution: "The Board of Directors, through me, would like to express again its deep appreciation of the contribution of Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger who served as Editor of the Journal of Investigative Dermatology from 1938 to 1949 and as Chief Editorial Consultant from 1949 to date. During this long tenure, he gave unstintingly of his time and his great abilities. As a result, the Journal has prospered and has become the outstanding publication dealing with dermatologic investigations."

The President, Dr. Harvey Blank, then called on the entire body to stand for one minute of silence in memory of those members who had

passed away during the past year, one of whom, Dr. John H. Stokes, was a founding member of this Society.

Committee Reports

Auditing Committee: In the absence of the Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Dr. Burgoon, Jr., Dr. Hambrick stated that the committee had examined the accounts and found them in good order. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Membership Committee: Dr. Beerman presented the report of the Committee on Membership, which report was unanimously received.

Committee on Honorary Membership: Dr. Hermann Pinkus reported that the Committee submits the following names for election to honorary membership in the Society for Investigative Dermatology:

1. Dr. Udo J. Wile, Ann Arbor, Michigan
2. Professor Peter B. Medawar, London, England
3. Dr. Antonio Gonzalez Ochoa of Mexico City
4. Dr. Jose M. M. Fernandez of Argentina

The report was accepted as read.

Scientific Sessions

The Scientific Programs Committee selected the following papers to be read:

Presidential Address: Clinical Trials—A Scientific Discipline. Harvey Blank, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida.

Surface Biopsy: A New Method for Studying Normal and Pathologic Horny Layers. Herbert Goldschmidt, M.D., and Albert M. Kligman, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Dermatology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Newer Concepts in Normal Human Keratinization Processes as Demonstrated by Electron Microscopy. Alvin S. Zelikson, M.D., Division of Dermatology, University of Minnesota Hospitals, Minneapolis, Minn.

Studies on Origin of Melanosomes. Makoto Seiji, M.D., Ph.D., and Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, M.D., Ph.D., Dermatological Research Laboratories of the Department of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

The Fatty Acid Composition of the Different Classes of Esters Found in Human Hair Fat. Nicholas Nicolaides, Ph.D., University of Oregon Medical School, Division of Dermatology, Portland, Oregon.

Biosynthesis of Glycogen in the Skin and the Effect of Ionizing Radiation. Kenji Adachi,

M.D., Donald Chow, B.A., and Stephen Rothman, M.D., Argonne Cancer Research Hospital* and Section on Dermatology, Department of Medicine, University of Chicago.

Histochemical Responses of Human Skin Following Ultraviolet Irradiation. Farrington Daniels, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., Doris Brophy, Lic. es Sci. and Walter C. Lobitz, Jr., M.D., University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, Oregon.

A Histochemical Study of the Mucopolysaccharides of the Skin. W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D., and J. Graham Smith, Jr., M.D., Division of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, and the Center for the Study of Aging, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N. C.

Nucleic Acid-Splitting Enzymes in Human Epidermis and their Possible Role in Keratinization. Pietro Santoian, M.D., Ph.D., and Stephen Rothman, M.D., Argonne Cancer Research Hospital† and Section of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, University of Chicago.

Colchicine Synergism of Mouse Hair Root Changes Produced by X-Ray Irradiation. Frederick D. Malkinson, M.D., Melvin L. Griem, M.D., and Peter H. Morse, A.B., Section of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, and Department of Radiology, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Correlative Cytologic and Physiologic Studies of Sweat Gland Secretion in Man. Harry J. Hurley, M.D., and Joseph A. Witkowski, M.D., Section of Dermatology, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Effect of Methacholine on the Structure and Function of the Eccrine Sweat Gland. Frederick Sargent II, M.D., and Richard L. Dobson, M.D., Division of Dermatology, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Sebaceous Secretion in Parkinson's Syndrome. Peter E. Pochi, M.D., John S. Strauss, M.D., and Herbert Mescon, M.D., Department of Dermatology, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass.

Penetration of Anionic Surfactants (Surface-Active Agents) into Skin. II. Penetration from Buffered Sodium Laurate Solutions. Irving H. Blank, Ph.D., and Edith Gould, B.S., Dermatological Research Laboratories of the Department of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

An Electron Microscopic Study of Dyskeratosis in Acantholysis. George F. Wilgram, M.D., Ph.D., James B. Caulfield, M.D., and Walter F. Lever, M.D., Department of Dermatology, Tufts University, and Department of Pathology, Harvard University, Boston, Mass.

Chemistry and Histochemistry of Bowen's Disease. James H. Graham, M.D., Giovanna R. Mazzanti, Ph.D., and Elson B. Helwig, M.D., Skin and Cancer Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.,

* (Operated by the University of Chicago for the United States Atomic Energy Commission.) Chicago, Illinois.

† Operated by the University of Chicago for the United States Atomic Energy Commission.) Chicago, Illinois.

- and Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C.
- Human Skin Window—A Method to Study Cytology of Inflammation.** Funan Hu, M.D., and Robert P. Fosnaugh, M.D., Department of Dermatology, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Mich.
- Studies in the Mechanism of Allergic Eczematous Contact Dermatitis. III. In Vitro Reaction of Mononuclear Cells with Radioactively Labeled Allergen.** Cyril March, M.D., Victor H. Witten, M.D., and Stanley A. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Department of Dermatology and Syphilology, New York University Post-Graduate Medical School, and the Skin and Cancer Unit of University Hospital, New York, N. Y.
- Glycine 2-C¹⁴ Incorporation into the Proteins of Normal Stratum Corneum and the Abnormal Stratum Corneum of Psoriasis.** Simon Rothberg, Ph.D., Robert G. Crounse, M.D., and John L. Lee, B.S., National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, General Medicine Branch, Dermatology Service, Bethesda, Md.
- Chemistry of Psoriatic Scales. II. Further Studies of the Nucleic Acids and their Catabolites.** Victor R. Wheatley, Ph.D., and Eugene M. Farber, M.D., Division of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, Calif.
- Radioactive Skin Clearance in Patients with Psoriasis.** Edward H. Ferguson, M.D., and William L. Epstein, M.D., University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, Division of Dermatology, San Francisco, Calif.
- Heparinoid Alopecia.** Albert M. Kligman, M.D., Ph.D., and Paul Gross, B.S., Department of Dermatology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Further Studies on Histidine Metabolism in Urticaria Pigmentosa.** Capt. D. Joseph Demis, MC, Malcolm D. Walton, B.S., and Donald Wooley, B.S., Department of Dermatology, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D. C.
- Effect of Cancer Chemotherapeutic Agents on the Immunological Processes of the Guinea Pig.** Henry C. Maguire, Jr., M.D., and Howard I. Maibach, M.D., Department of Dermatology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Cytopathic Agents Isolated from Lesions of Moluscum Contagiosum.** Te-Wen Chang, M.D., and Louis Weinstein, M.D., Tufts University School of Medicine-Pratt Clinic-New England Center Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- Experimental Lupus Erythematosus in the Guinea Pig.** Irwin M. Braverman, M.D., and Aaron B. Lerner, M.D., Ph.D., Section of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn.
- Intradermal Testing with Autologous White Blood Cells in Chronic Discoid Lupus Erythematosus, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Control Subjects.** Theodore A. Tromovitch, M.D., and Cyril March, M.D., Department of Dermatology and Syphilology, New York University Post-Graduate Medical School, and the Skin and Cancer Unit of New York University Hospital, New York, N. Y.
- Mechanism of Psoralen (Furocoumarin) Photosensitization.** M. A. Pathak, Ph.D., Dermatological Research Laboratories of the Department of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- Biochemical Effects of Dihydroxyacetone.** Eva Wittgenstein, and G. M. Guest, M.D., Children's Hospital Research Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Electron Microscopy of Dermatophytic Fungi.** David Taplin, and Harvey Blank, M.D., Department of Dermatology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Medical Research Building Miami, Florida.
- A Miniaturized System for Extracorporeal Hemodialysis with Application to Studies on Serum Antidermatophytic Activity.** Richard S. Goodman, M.D., Donald E. Temple, M.D., and Allan L. Lorincz, M.D., Section of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- Human Pharmacology of Griseofulvin.** Robert G. Crounse, M.D., Department of Dermatology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Medical Research Building, Miami, Florida.
- The Etiology and Treatment of Erythrasma.** I. Sarkany, M.R.C.P. (Lond.), D. Taplin and Harvey Blank, M.D., Department of Dermatology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Medical Research Building, Miami, Florida.
- Effects of Prolonged Exposure to Grenz Ray.** Edward M. Shapiro, M.D., John M. Knox, M.D. and Robert G. Freeman, M.D., Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

Nominating Committee: Dr. Walter Lobitz, Jr., Chairman, read the report of the Nominating Committee, which proposed the following candidates for the following year:

President:

Dr. Walter B. Shelley, Philadelphia, Pa.

Vice President:

Dr. Herbert Mescon, Boston, Mass.

Board of Directors:

Dr. Rudolf L. Baer, New York, N. Y.

Dr. William Montagna, Providence, R. I.

The nominations were left open for further suggestions and voting on Wednesday afternoon.

Publications Committee: Dr. Naomi Kanof then presented her report on the Publications Committee as follows:

This year, the 23rd year of publication, the Journal published 124 articles of which 11 appeared in the preliminary and short report section.

The Journal had a net income of \$12,041.61 for the fiscal year of 1960. Of the gross profit, the subscription sales accounted for \$24,562.42 and advertising space sales for \$46,837.19. In

addition, there was a profit of \$825.19 from the sale of reprints. We have a total paid subscription of 2,231 of which 757 is member and 1,474 is non-member. The increase in revenue over last year of about \$3,000.00 is accounted for chiefly by the increase in the sale of advertising space.

There are several matters which require active consideration. First is the matter of time of publication of manuscripts. A survey of the past six months reveals that manuscripts are published from 8 to 9 months after being received in the editorial office. It takes an average of $3\frac{1}{4}$ months for the physical processing by the printers—that is, it takes $3\frac{1}{4}$ months from the day the issue is sent to the printer to its final publication date. The difference between this time and the 8 to 9 months publication time is accounted for by two important factors. One is the time necessary for refereeing. Of the 102 papers surveyed, 36 took less than 1 month, 30 took 1 to 2 months, 20 took 2 to 3 months, 6 took 3 to 4 months and 10 took over 4 months. Since most papers are referred to at least two referees and since many papers are then sent back to the author for suggested revision, this amount of time is necessary. There is only one remaining factor then which causes a possible prolonged publication time and that is the publication of meeting papers concomitantly with papers submitted directly to the editorial office. It is suggested, therefore, in the interest of earlier publication for papers submitted to the editorial office, that meeting papers be published in the October or November issue. This will serve to reduce publication time by two months. If this procedure is followed papers submitted to the editorial office can be published in from 6 to 7 months from the time of receipt. It is further suggested that all papers not submitted at the time of presentation will be processed as non-meeting papers. This will serve the additional purpose of having submitted papers indexed in the year of presentation and within four months of presentation and will give the intended priority of publication to those presentors who have abided by the rules of the Program Committee.

The next matter that requires attention is advertising. We have heretofore abided by the "Principles Governing Advertising in the AMA Scientific Publications" published in the J. A. M. A. Vol. 176, No. 4, April 29, 1961, a portion of which I would like to read to you:

"Suitability of Advertising Copy

After a product or service has been declared eligible to be advertised in the scientific publications of The A.M.A., the Department of Advertising Evaluation must approve each advertisement. As in the case of eligibility, the A.M.A. makes the final decision regarding the suitability of copy, layout, and art work. The A.M.A.'s decisions on these matters will be guided in all cases by the following principles:

1. The advertisement should clearly identify the advertiser and the product or service being offered. In the case of drug advertisements, the full generic name, including salt and ester designation, of each active ingredient must be shown in appropriate type size. If the generic name of a drug appears in close juxtaposition to the trade name, it should not be unduly subordinated, and under no circumstances appear in less than 8 point type. If the generic name does not appear in close juxtaposition to the trade name, it should not be unduly subordinated and under no circumstances appear in less than 10 point type.

2. Advertisements should not be deceptive or misleading. Layout, art work, and format should be such as to avoid confusion with the editorial content of the publication.

3. Unfair comparisons or the blatant and unwarranted disparagement of a competitor's products or services will not be allowed.

4. Sweeping superlatives or extravagantly worded copy will not be allowed. Any claims for superiority must be supported by evidence acceptable to the Association.

5. Quotations or excerpts from a published paper are acceptable only if they do not distort the meaning intended by the author. Claims made within quotations must conform to the same standards as unquoted claims.

6. Advertisements will not be accepted if they appear to conflict with the principles of medical ethics."

However, it appeared to me that there was one item that is not touched upon in the published presentation of principles which appeared to me to be important to pursue. For that reason the following self-explanatory correspondence was undertaken:

"May 1, 1961

"Mr. E. F. Williams, President
The Williams & Wilkins Company
428 E. Preston St.
Baltimore 2, Maryland
Dear Mr. Williams:

The following inquiry is an expression of my own concern. (I have not previously discussed this with the Board of Directors of the S.I.D.).

I would like to ask your opinion about this matter in order to better come to a conclusion and to present this matter to the Board of Directors if it has merit.

I have always felt that the publication of scientific references in conjunction with advertising material lent considerable prestige to the advertising material which in very few instances merited the "scientific" aura. Recently, as you know, the advertisers have overstepped even the loose bounds of ordinary honesty.

For these reasons I would like to know what you think would happen to the volume of our advertising if we decided to eliminate the scientific references and placed a small footnote, for those who desired it, "literature on request". This latter would have the additional advantage of giving the advertiser personal communication with those who were interested enough to request the literature. My guess would be that there would be very few requests since most of the material is quite well known to our readers and the material is really in the nature of "institutional advertising".

The AMA publications all carry the pseudo-scientific appeal of the scientific references. While the standards set down by the AMA are excellent, I think this one aspect of their advertising may be necessary in a journal of such general distribution, but is in relatively poor taste in a journal of both the content and distribution of the JID.

The fact that I see no problem in pursuing this suggestion may bespeak, on my part, a naivete about business. But there is much to be said about what the standards for advertising in the medical field (vis-a-vis purely commercial enterprise) should be.

I started this letter by asking for your opinion and ended it by seeming to promote my own. I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,
Naomi M. Kanof, M.D.
Chairman, Editorial Board"

"May 2, 1961

"Dr. Naomi M. Kanof
1150 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.
Dear Doctor Kanof:

Please refer to your May 1 letter.

The practice of occasionally using scientific references in advertisements is a firmly established one of long standing. Advertisers and agencies would strongly resent any attempt to interfere with it.

No citation of a reference would be used with-

out the consent of the author and the copyright holder. This is regarded as sufficient protection.

Were we to institute such a requirement it would seriously jeopardize our sale of advertising space. So, if you want our vote—"No"!

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,
E. F. Williams
President"

"May 8, 1961

"Mr. E. F. Williams, President
The Williams & Wilkins Company
428 E. Preston St.
Baltimore 2, Maryland
Dear Mr. Williams:

Your emphatic "No" in response to my question whether scientific references could be omitted from advertising data comes as no complete surprise, as you must surely know.

I am very pleased, however, with your statement that "No citation of a reference would be used without the consent of the author and the copyright holder." May I ask you to instruct the advertising people that this is a requirement of the Journal. The simplest procedure might be for the prospective advertiser to write the authors for permission. I would appreciate it very much if I could have a duplicate of these requests so that I too, can be apprised and can serve as watchdog.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Naomi M. Kanof, M.D.
Chairman, Editorial Board"

May I, therefore, recommend that The Journal continue to accept advertising which is acceptable by the official standards of the A. M. A. with the additional requirement that the publishers on soliciting sales for space obtain the permission of the quoted authors for use of the reference in the advertising material.

The third matter for your consideration is the question of payment for a large number of figures and table data. This problem is not unique to the Journal and for this reason I would like to read to you the report of the findings (Science, Vol. 133, No. 3457, p. 1003, March 31, 1961) of the Conference of Biological Editors at its 1961 annual meeting whose conclusion was as follows:

"A summary statement of guiding principles adopted by the conference, whose membership includes the editors of more than 100 biological journals, is as follows.

Publication is recognized as an essential step in the completion of research. That a portion of publication costs should be borne by research budgets is a corollary of this principle. The CBE considers that a system of page charges, adequately safeguarded to eliminate financial considerations from scientific evaluation of papers, is an acceptable and desirable means for supplementing journal income.

Many systems differing in detail may be devised, but common to all should be these provisions: that the charge should be substantially less than the full cost of the publication; that the charge should not be payable by the author personally, but by his institution or the funds that support his research; and that the charge should be imposed only if the author's institution or his supporting funds are able to accept it."

I would like also to report that a review of the Editorial Office records of the last three years reveals a rejection rate of from 20% to 26% annually. While this is a relatively low percentage of rejection it can nevertheless be accounted for by the fact that a very high percent of papers received in the Editorial Office are from investigators and institutions of known and outstanding merit and active supporters of the Society and Journal. While it is to be hoped that the erudition of many articles printed in The Journal do not serve to intimidate the less formidable investigator, nevertheless it should be recognized that The Journal itself serves to limit a large and possibly more casual volume of material which less specialized publications encounter.

Once again I want to thank all of you who have contributed to the present academic and economic health and vigor of the J. I. D.

The report was accepted as read.

NEW BUSINESS

The next order of business on the agenda was the opportunity for the membership to make further suggestions or recommendations. Dr. Fitzpatrick suggested that the Business Meeting start at 8:00 or 8:30 A.M., in order to leave more time for the scientific program. Dr. Blank stated that this would be taken into consideration.

Also, Dr. Flesch suggested that a study be made to diminish the length of time between the submission of the abstract and the presentation of the paper at the meeting. Dr. Blank replied that everything possible will be done. Since the

AMA no longer publishes abstracts, it might be easier to accomplish this next year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Second Business and Executive Session of the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc., held at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York, N. Y., Wednesday, June 28, 1961, convened at 9:05 A.M., Dr. Harvey Blank, President, presiding.

Election of Officers: The President called for nominations from the floor. On motion made by Dr. Marcus R. Caro, it was duly seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The new officers elected are:

President:

Dr. Walter B. Shelley, Philadelphia, Pa.

Vice President:

Dr. Herbert Mescon, Boston, Mass.

Board of Directors:

Dr. Rudolf L. Baer, New York, N. Y.

Dr. William Montagna, Providence, R. I.

Election of Members: It was moved, seconded and carried that the applicants for membership in the Society as submitted by the Committee on Membership and the Board of Directors be accepted, and the new members elected are:

Robert A. Berger, M.D., New York, N. Y.

Alexander Borota, M.D., New York, N. Y.

Irwin M. Braverman, M.D., New Haven, Conn.

Doris E. Brophy, Lic. es Sci., Portland, Oregon

Jean DeBersaques, M.D., Destelbergen, Belgium

Charles Dugan, M.D., West Palm Beach, Florida

Ernst Epstein, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mark Allen Everett, M.D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

J. Ferreira-Marques, M.D., Mendoza, Argentina

Robert M. Fine, M.D., New Orleans, La.

Victor Formisano, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Tobias R. Funt, M.D., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Albert Goldblum, M.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Luis R. Gomez-C, M.D., Washington, D. C.

Arthur W. Grace, M.D., New York, N. Y.

James H. Graham, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

William Halpern, M.D., Worcester, Mass.

G. Thomas Jansen, M.D., Little Rock, Arkansas

Herman E. Jass, Ph.D., Hartsdale, N. Y.

Joseph B. Jerome, Ph.D., Chicago, Ill.

Thomas W. Johnson, M.D., Boston, Mass.

Waine C. Johnson, Capt. MC, USA, Rockville, Md.

Lennart Juhlin, M.D., Uppsala, Sweden

Jerome O. Kirschbaum, M.D., Narberth, Pa.

Ernst Lorenc, M.D., Springfield, Missouri

Andrew E. Lorincz, M.D., Gainesville, Florida

Cyril H. March, M.D., New York, N. Y.

John A. Milne, M.R.C.P., Ayrshire, Scotland

Yutaka Mishima, M.D., Ph.D., Detroit, Mich.

Harvey S. Moser, M.D., New York, N. Y.

Nicholas Nicolaides, Ph.D., Portland, Oregon

Arthur L. Norins, M.D., Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Milton Orkin, M.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

Elizabeth W. Rauschkolb, M.D., Cleveland, Ohio

Miriam C. Reed, M.D., Princeton, N. J.

Richard P. Reinertson, M.D., Bethesda, Md.

Daniel Roberts, M.D., Baltimore, Md.

E. William Rosenberg, M.D., Miami, Florida

Pietro Santoiananni, M.D., Ph.D., Chicago, Ill.

Robert M. Schwartzman, V.M.D., Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Ferdinando Serri, M.D., Boston, Mass.

Najib H. Shehadeh, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Quentin T. Smith, Ph.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

Renato G. Staricco, M.D., Detroit, Mich.

Lyon P. Strean, D.D.S., Ph.D., Norristown, Pa.

Luis A. Velutini, M.D., Caracas, Venezuela

David R. Weakley, M.D., New York, N. Y.

Samuel Weinberg, M.D., Massapequa, N. Y.

Louis Weinstein, M.D., Boston, Mass.

Stephen T. Whelan, M.D., Upper Darby, Pa.

Alvin S. Zelickson, M.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

James G. Zimmer, M.D., Washington, D. C.

Election of Honorary Members: It was moved seconded and carried that the election to honorary membership in the Society as submitted by the Committee on Honorary Membership and the Board of Directors be accepted and the new Honorary Members elected are:

1. Dr. Udo J. Wile, Ann Arbor, Michigan

2. Professor Peter B. Medawar, London, England

3. Dr. Antonio Gonzalez Ochoa, Mexico City, Mexico

4. Dr. Jose M. M. Fernandez, Argentina

Committee Appointments: The Secretary read the following committee appointments approved by the Board of Directors:

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1961-1963

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Eugene J. Van Scott, M.D.

1961-1964

The total attendance of 426 was comprised of 198 members and 228 guests.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:15 A.M.